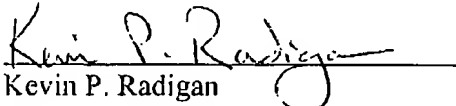


Remarks

As noted, this amendment is submitted to facilitate allowance of all claims pending in the application. Claims 1-2, 9-11, 16-17, 24-26, 31-32 and 39-41 remain pending herein. The amendments submitted were verbally indicated by the Examiner to place the application in condition for allowance during the telephone interview of August 31, 2004. Should this be incorrect, the Examiner is requested to not enter the amendment and to allow the Appeal process to continue.

Applicants' undersigned attorney is available should the Examiner wish to discuss this application further. All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.


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